

## AGENDA ITEM

DATE:

June 25, 2019

TO:

**Board of Supervisors** 

**SUBJECT** 

TIP THE SCALE: TRANSFORMING INVESTMENTS IN PEOPLE (DISTRICTS: ALL)

#### **OVERVIEW**

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## COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TUESDAY, JUNE 25, 2019

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- 2. Establish appropriations of \$2,000,000 in Finance Other General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges, to assist the Palomar Family YMCA in purchasing a property in Escondido for transitional youth housing, based on available prior year General Fund fund balance.
- 3. Establish appropriations of \$6,000,000 in Finance Other General Miscellaneous Expense, Other Charges, to assist the Interfaith Community Services in purchasing a property in Escondido to provide recuperative care and temporary housing for individuals who are homeless or unstably housed, based on available prior year General Fund fund balance.

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- 4. Establish appropriations of \$2,000,000 in the Contributions to Capital Outlay Fund, Operating Transfer Out, to provide funding for Capital Project 1023275, a County property to be used by Saved in America for temporary housing of sex trafficking victims, based on available prior year General Fund fund balance.
- 5. Establish appropriations of \$2,000,000 in the Capital Outlay Fund for Capital Project 1023275, "Safe Shelter Group Home" to be used by Saved in America for temporary housing of sex trafficking victims, based on an Operating Transfer In from the General Fund.
- 6. Pursuant to California Government Code section 26227, direct the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to negotiate with the Palomar Family YMCA or a related entity, and upon successful negotiations, enter into an agreement or agreements to provide funding to assist it in purchasing property located in Escondido, California, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. The property will be used to provide emergency housing for youth who are homeless or unstably housed; and
  - b. The property will be used for the purposes set forth in this recommendation for a term commensurate with the useful life of the building, and should that use cease during that time, the funds provided by the County will be repaid to the County on the terms set forth in the funding agreement.
- 7. Pursuant to California Government Code section 26227, direct the Chief Administrative Officer, or designee, to negotiate with Interfaith Community Services or related entity, and upon successful negotiations, enter into an agreement or agreements to provide funding to assist it in purchasing property located in Escondido, California, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Interfaith Community Services or related entity will create a mixed-use facility and each bed in the facility will be dedicated as either a recuperative care bed or temporary shelter bed;
  - b. Interfaith Community Services or related entity will dedicate all recuperative care beds to those individuals who are eligible to receive publicly funded insurance such as Medi-Cal, County Medical Services, or are Veterans Administration benefits eligible, with priority given to individuals discharged from a Palomar Hospital District, a Tri-City Hospital District or a Veterans Administration facility;
  - c. Interfaith Community Services or related entity will dedicate all temporary shelter beds for those individuals who are indigent and either homeless or unstably housed with priority given to homeless individuals who reside within the boundaries of either the Palomar Hospital District or the Tri-City Hospital District; and
  - d. The property will be used for the purposes set forth in this recommendation for a term commensurate with the useful life of the building, and should that use cease during that time, the property will transfer to the County or the funds provided by the County will be repaid to the County on the terms set forth in the funding agreement.
- 8. Authorize the Director, Department of General Services, to work with Saved in America to identify property to purchase for use as a temporary shelter for victims of sex trafficking, to enter into an option to purchase the property, and to return to the Board at a later date for authority to exercise the option to purchase.

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### FISCAL IMPACT

Funds for this request are not included in the Fiscal Year 2019-2021 CAO Recommended Operational Plan. If approved, this request will result in the expenditure of \$10,000,000 to be funded by General Fund fund balance. There will be no change in staff years.

### **BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT**

N/A

### **ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Supervisor Gaspar, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended.

AYES: Cox, Jacob, Gaspar, Fletcher, Desmond

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I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Signed

by Marvice Mazyck, Chief Deputy

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